

**HB 1231** - H AMD 751

By Representative Manweller

WITHDRAWN 02/16/2016

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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4 "Sec. 1. RCW 39.12.015 and 1965 ex.s. c 133 s 2 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) All determinations of the prevailing rate of wage shall be  
7 made by the industrial statistician of the department of labor and  
8 industries.

9 (2) A pilot project is created to establish the prevailing rate  
10 of wage for the following trades: Cement masons; operating  
11 engineers; laborers in utilities construction; plasterers;  
12 telecommunications technicians; and divers. The prevailing rate of  
13 wage under the pilot project must be published no later than  
14 February 2018, and for those trades specified in (a) of this  
15 subsection, may be adjusted semiannually based on changes to the  
16 collective bargaining agreements. Under the pilot project, the  
17 industrial statistician shall establish the prevailing rate of wage  
18 as follows:

19 (a) For the trades of plasterer, telecommunications technician,  
20 and diver, the industrial statistician shall establish the  
21 prevailing rate of wage by adopting the hourly wage, usual benefits,  
22 and overtime pay established in collective bargaining agreements for  
23 the specified trades. If there is no collective bargaining  
24 agreement, the prevailing rate of wage is established by conducting  
25 wage surveys.

26 (b) For the trades of cement mason, operating engineer, and  
27 laborer in utilities construction, the industrial statistician shall

1 establish the prevailing rate of wage by using a method that is not  
2 based on collective bargaining agreements. The industrial  
3 statistician may use a stratified random sampling methodology.

4 (c) The joint legislative audit and review committee, in  
5 consultation with the department of labor and industries and the  
6 prevailing wage advisory committee, shall conduct an assessment of  
7 the pilot project. The joint legislative audit and review committee  
8 may contract with an independent expert in prevailing wage to assist  
9 with the assessment. The assessment must evaluate which prevailing  
10 wage methodology generates the rate that best reflects the actual  
11 market wage rate. The joint legislative audit and review committee  
12 shall submit a progress report by June 30, 2019, and the results of  
13 the assessment by June 30, 2021, to the appropriate committees of  
14 the legislature."

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16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act expires August 1,  
17 2022."

18 Correct the title.

- EFFECT: Strikes the underlying bill and instead:
- (1) Creates a pilot project in which the prevailing wage rate for the trades of plasterer, telecommunications technician, and divers will be established based on collective bargaining agreements, and the trades of cement masons, operating engineers, and laborers in utilities construction will be established using a method that is not based on collective bargaining agreements. Authorizes the use of stratified random sampling as a method.
  - (2) Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to conduct an assessment of the pilot project and evaluate which methodology generates the rate that best reflects the actual market wage rate. Requires JLARC to report to the Legislature in 2019 and 2021.
  - (3) Expires the pilot project August 1, 2022.

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